

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2006-150-E - ORDER NO. 2006-517  
AUGUST 31, 2006

IN RE: Joint Petition of Palmetto Electric	)	ORDER GRANTING
Cooperative, Inc. and South Carolina Electric	)	JOINT PETITION FOR
& Gas Company for Reassignment of	)	REASSIGNMENT OF
Territory in Beaufort County.	)	TERRITORY

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Joint Petition of Palmetto Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“Palmetto”) and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (“SCE&G”) (jointly, “Petitioners”) for reassignment of territory in Beaufort County pursuant to the Territorial Assignment Act found at S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-610 *et seq.* (1976)(Supp. 2005). Specifically, this proceeding arises under the Commission’s authority in S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-650 (Supp. 2005) to reassign the service area of one electric supplier to another. Section 58-27-650 states “[the] Public Service Commission, upon agreement of the affected electric suppliers, is authorized to reassign to one electric supplier any area or portion thereof theretofore assigned to another...” In conformity with this authority, Petitioners request the Commission to reassign two tracts of land located in the Sun City Hilton Head Subdivision (“Sun City”) from SCE&G to Palmetto.

According to the Petition, these two tracts of land are currently assigned to SCE&G and consist of 482 lots, totaling approximately 212 acres. SCE&G asserts that it

lacks sufficient facilities to adequately serve these tracts, and the Petition notes that all of the remaining Sun City subdivision is located in territory assigned to Palmetto. No other electric suppliers are affected by this transfer, and the Petition reveals that no current customers of either SCE&G or Palmetto will be affected by the proposed change. Additionally, Petitioners allege that each is fully capable of furnishing adequate and dependable electric service in the areas they would serve upon the Commission granting the Joint Petition.

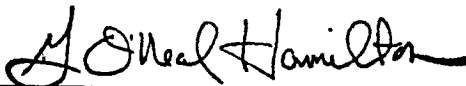
To further their request, on July 19, 2006, Petitioners provided the Commission with proof that notice of the proposed land transfer was filed in newspapers of general circulation in the effected area. On August 9, 2006, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff, charged with representing the public interest in utility matters and intervening in this proceeding, filed a letter with the Commission stating that it has no objection to Petitioners request for the reassignment of territory in Beaufort County. No other parties intervened. Consequently, the Commission accepts the delineation of tracts shown in Exhibit A attached to the Joint Petition. After review of the facts and law, it is determined that the requested reassignment of territory from SCE&G to Palmetto is in the public interest and should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

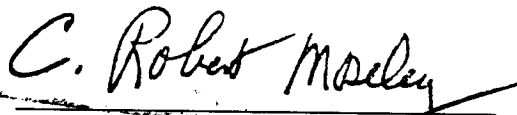
For the foregoing reasons, the reassignment of territory in the Sun City Hilton Head Subdivision located in Beaufort County is granted.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
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G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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